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## 4 Attempts Made To Destroy Roy

### THE CENSUS

Fourteenth Census—Preliminary Announcement of Population.  
Subject to Correction.

MORA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

	1920	1910	1900
Minor civil division			
Mora County	13,915	12,611	*10,304
Precinct 1, Mora	1,011	817	
Precinct 2, Cleveland	617	585	
Precinct 3, Guadalupe	388	447	
Precinct 4, Cherry Valley	167	255	
Precinct 5, La Cueva	422	461	
Precinct 6, San Jose	487	546	
Precinct 7, Golondrinas	279	290	
Precinct 8, Ocate	741	880	
Precinct 9, Agua Negra	618	633	
Precinct 10, Lucero	222	270	
Precinct 11, Tiptonville	193	212	
Precinct 12, Wagon Mound, including Wagon Mound Village	1,775	1,983	
Precinct 13, Armenta	338	316	
Precinct 14, Coyote	522	338	
Precinct 15, El Rito	769	697	
Precinct 16, Abuelo	392	388	
Precinct 17, Carmen	385	389	
Precinct 18, Cordillera	200	170	
Precinct 19, Turquillo	456	408	
Precinct 20, Watrous	435	336	
Precinct 21, Gascon	156	172	
Precinct 22, Roy, including Roy Village	1,133	1,293	
Precinct 23, Naranjos	362	331	
Precinct 24, Solano	531	394	
Precinct 25, Mills	876		
Precinct 26, Nolan	440		
Incorporated place	1920	1910	1900
Roy village	564		
Wagon Mound village	875		

\*Comparison of population by precincts cannot be made; county redistricted between 1900 and 1910.

The census shows Roy Village with only 564 population, but the census was taken during the "flu" epidemic last spring and several families were out of town at the time the census was taken. The Village Board had a new census taken later for the purpose of changing the incorporation from a Village to a town, and it shows the Roy census to be 654. Since that census was taken a number of families have moved to town and no doubt the census at present will reach about 750.

You will also note that it shows a decrease in the Roy Precinct but this comes from the fact that the Mills and Roy Precincts were one in 1910 but since that date have been made into two precincts showing a population of over 2,000. Roy precinct shows the second largest in the County. Wagon Mound Precinct which has not been changed in size during the past ten years shows an actual decrease of 208. The whole county shows a gain of only 1,304 for the past ten years and 3,607 for the past 20 years. Gascon or Precinct 21, in the northwest part of the county, is the smallest in number of inhabitants, having only 156.

Victor Johnson, father of Mrs. E. F. Henry is visiting at their home in Roy this week. Mr. Johnson is from Modesto Cal. and is well pleased with Roy.

Don't forget the Mosquero fair Saturday Oct. 9th. and you must read their add which appears in this weeks paper.

Mr. and Mrs. McMahan of Mills were looking after business matters in Roy Monday.

Grant Kitchell is having the front of the K. K. Block pebbledashed this week.

## Special!

### Saturday and Monday Only

Oct. 2 and 4

BON BON BAKING POWDER	5 pound can Regular price 80 cents, Special 60 cents
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DEL MONTE CATSUP	Pint Bottles Regular price 35 cents, Special 25 "
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GUITTARDS COCOA	pound cans, Regular price 70 cts, Special 55
CRISCO	6 pound cans Special \$ 2.10
WHITE HOUSE COFFEE	Special 57 cts. pound
BULK COFFEE	EXTRA Special 20 " "
WHITE LILLY PEARS 2 1-2 pound cans	Regular price 55 cents, Special 40 cents
WHITE LILLY BLACKBERRIES 2 1-2 pnd. cans	Regular price 50 cents Special 38 "
VELVA COUNTRY SORGUM 1-2 gal cans,	55 "
PEARL WHITE SOAP	Special 4 bars 25 "
GOLDEN WASHING POWDER large Special	25 "
VERIBEST CASTLE SOAP (TOILET)	9 "
Palm Olive Soap	Special 3 bars for 25 "

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### Wheat Belt Fair

Roy, New Mexico,  
September 30th, 1920.

Everyman and Everywoman,  
On The Mesa.  
Dear Friends:

Through our old stand-by booster, The Spanish-American, we are starting a plain talk to you.

We need your assistance.

Your money will be of no help, for we have money. But there is at this particular time that one thing we do need, and which every community undertaking must have to be a success—moral assistance.

And perhaps we should tell you that right from the start we have received more of this "moral assistance" from Denver, Kansas City, El Paso, Las Vegas and even from San Francisco than we have received from you at home. Wholesale houses from everywhere within a reasonable distance have answered our call, and they are shipping prepaid to you (not to us) samples of their wares and in some instances real money.

These things will be given to you as special premiums in addition to the cash prizes we offer. So please look over the old home-stand and try to find some little article you know will be the best in the community and enter it with us. There are no charges for entries. Anything from canned beans to live bulls will be on the list.

Tell the neighbors and write all your friends from where you came how you are going to advertise your land at the WHEAT BELT FAIR, October 19, 20 and 21. Tell them what you have done in the past and what you can do in the future. Tell them how you drove in here with fifty dollars and now have five thousand. And if there are any among them who are skeptical, refer them to us and we shall send them some real proof in some sworn-to circulars. If you want any of the circulars to send, write to or call on the secretary and you will get them.

Every week we shall write you through this medium, in this same space, until the week after the Fair. If you are a business-man farmer, you will read and re-read every word and you will act.

Yours very truly,  
WHEAT BELT FAIR ASSOCIATION,  
By the Secretary.

### Baby Dies

The fifteen months old babe of Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Reeder, died quite suddenly last Tuesday noon after an illness of less than half an hour. The babe had been sick a few months ago, but had fully recovered, and was laughing and apparently as well as could be until a few minutes before her death when she went into convulsions and death resulting within a few minutes.

William George Reeder was born June 30th, 1919 at the family ranch home nine miles east of Roy, and died September 28th 1920 at their home in Roy, aged One Year, two months and 28 days. The little fellow had a sick spell several weeks ago but was thot to be nearly recovered when he took suddenly worse about 1.30 P.M. Tuesday and passed away in a little while.

The funeral services were held by Rev. O. W. Hearn of East Las Vegas at the Christian Church in Roy Wednesday afternoon and laid to rest in the Roy Cemetery.

The Spanish American and its many readers extend their sympathy to the bereaved.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Woodward visited the Springer orchards the first of the week.

### PROTRACTED MEETING

The Baptist People will begin a protracted meeting at the Baptist Church to night (Friday) and will continue for two weeks. Rev. Dawn will have charge of the meetings and will be assisted by Rev. Carter of Raton. Everybody invited to these meetings.

### Reception

Mrs. Richard Killmurray entertained the ladies of Roy in the form of a reception last Thursday afternoon from 2 to 4 P.M. in honor of her mother Mrs. Henry Stone who will leave in a few days for Pueblo, Colorado to undergo a serious operation.

About forty or fifty ladies were present and spent the afternoon in social conversation, listening to music and other forms of entertainments.

The Hostess was assisted by Mrs. C. L. Justice and Mrs. S. E. Paxton, they served refreshments of ice cream, cake and punch. Mrs. J. W. Harley of Vera Cruz, Mexico a sister of the hostess, and daughter of Mrs. H. Stone, was also present.

We were unable to get a complete list of those present, but all wished Mrs. Stone Godspeed in her recovery from her affliction.

Messrs. Raymond Jones and Claude Hazelton spent Sunday with friends west of Roy.

### IN APPRECIATION

Through the columns of the S. A. we wish to thank those who worked so heroically Tuesday night to help us save our store from being burned. Also those who helped to keep the fire from spreading later in the evening when our hay sheds were burned to the ground. It was only thru your heroic deeds that our store and all our buildings were saved from being burned.

ROY TRADING COMPANY

## FIRE BUGS FAIL WHEN CITIZENS STOP FOUR FIRES

Three Fires Tuesday Night;  
One Wednesday Night  
\$1,000.00 REWARD  
OFFERED; SEVERAL  
PEOPLE SUSPECTED

This week has been one of terror to the residents of Roy as four attempts have been made to burn down the business section of the town.

The first fire was discovered at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening in the shed back of the Appel store, where some one had set several bales of hay and other rubbish on fire. The fire was discovered a few minutes after it was started and was extinguished before any serious damage was done.

Very few ever knew of the first fire.

Just as the picture show was over, about ten or a few minutes of ten a light was noticed from the Theatre and which later proved to be the Roy Trading Co store on fire. Some one had set a pile of rubbish on fire at the Southwest corner of the building and by the time the crowd from the theatre reached the building the roof was ablaze whipped by a light breeze from the southwest. A number of fire extinguishers were rushed to the scene and a bucket brigade formed and after a hard effort the blaze was extinguished after considerable damage had been done. Mr. Hanson and two of the clerks stayed at the store as guards and the crowd dispersed.

Every few minutes they made a complete survey of the store both inside and outside, and while on the rounds, Mr. Hanson noticed a blaze in the south end of town which he immediately located in their large warehouse which was stored full of hay and broom corn and feed. He immediately gave an alarm and within a few minutes a large crowd was present fighting to save the Floersheim sheds and residences which, were just across the spur track from the burning buildings. Milton Floersheim and H. Krabben-schmidt noticed the fire about the same time that Mr. Hanson gave the alarm which was then

fifteen minutes of twelve. The Floersheim sheds were a fire a number of times but by the use of fire extinguishers, salt and flour as well as the bucket brigade, the fire was held from spreading to the adjoining building. A pipe line was laid from the Floersheim store to the scene of the fire and a number of tanks of water were hauled by Mr. Leatherman during the night and the fire was kept down so that sparks would not set adjoining buildings on fire.

Wednesday morning all strangers in town were rounded up and made to give a completing of themselves during the previous night. One fellow who was acting a little suspicious was placed under arrest but was a able to prove an alibi and it was decided he was just a little off in the upper story. He was released and ordered to get out of town at once.

Everything began to quite down, when all of a sudden about 7 P. M. the cry of fire was again heard and the kindling and coal sheds to the back of the Lucero building which is used as a Public School building was in a mass of flames. Again the bucket brigade and fire extinguishers did their work effectively.

Immediately after the fire was extinguished the matter of policing the town was turned over to

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